

## GEAR UP SCHOLARS PROJECT ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

ACTIVITY	SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE	FRESHMAN	SOPHOMORE	JUNIOR	SENIOR
Career and Personal Developm ent	<ul> <li>□ Explore academic and career interests</li> <li>□ Create a personal achievement portfolio</li> <li>□ Begin community service activities</li> <li>□ Go to community and cultural events</li> <li>□ Explore career interests with computer software and other materials (e. g. WOIS or Discover)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Take an interest inventory</li> <li>□ Continue to explore careers</li> <li>□ Visit a workplace that interests you</li> <li>□ Continue working on your portfolio</li> <li>□ Continue community service activities</li> <li>□ Attend community cultural events</li> <li>□ Explore career interests with computer software and other materials (e.g. WOIS or Discover)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Develop job related skills through apprenticeships, internships, job shadowing, and work-related classes</li> <li>□ Update your portfolio and develop a résumé</li> <li>□ Continue community service activities</li> <li>□ Attend community or cultural events</li> <li>□ Identify possible academic and career paths</li> <li>□ Apply to be an Ambassador</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Develop job related skills through apprenticeships, internships, job shadowing, and work-related classes</li> <li>□ Update your portfolio and résumé</li> <li>□ Continue community service activities and take on a leadership role</li> <li>□ Attend community or cultural events</li> <li>□ Work as an Ambassador</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Develop job related skills through apprenticeships, internships, job shadowing, and work-related classes</li> <li>□ Update your portfolio and résumé</li> <li>□ Continue community service activities and take on a leadership role</li> <li>□ Attend community or cultural events</li> <li>□ Work as an Ambassador</li> </ul>
Academic Preparati on	<ul> <li>□ Pay attention to your GPA</li> <li>□ Sign-up for algebra and computer classes, foreign language, science, and history</li> <li>□ Learn good study habits</li> <li>□ Learn to manage your time wisely</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Work on GPA</li> <li>□ Take geometry (or algebra), science, computers, and other classes</li> <li>□ Complete 4-year high school plan</li> <li>□ Explore Running Start, IB, and AP course options</li> <li>□ Prepare for WASL</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Continue to work on GPA</li> <li>□ Review 4-year high school plan</li> <li>□ Take IB, Running Start, AP, or techprep courses</li> <li>□ Take Algebra II (or geometry), science, foreign language, computers, history classes, etc.</li> <li>□ Continue to prepare for WASL</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Continue to work on GPA</li> <li>□ Review 4-year high school plan</li> <li>□ Take IB, Running Start, AP, or techprep courses</li> <li>□ Take Trigonometry (or Algebra II), science, foreign language, computers, history classes, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Take IB, Running Start, AP, or techprep courses</li> <li>□ Confirm that you have enough credits to graduate</li> <li>□ Take Calculus (or Trigonometry), science, foreign language, computers, history classes, etc.</li> </ul>
Tutoring	☐ Participate in tutoring ☐ Join a "homework club"	☐ Continue attending a tutoring program in subjects where improvement is needed	<ul> <li>□ Continue to get tutoring in subjects where you need to improve</li> <li>□ Begin tutoring younger students</li> <li>□ Encourage peer tutoring among your friends</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Continue to get tutoring in subjects where you need to improve</li> <li>□ Tutor younger students and encourage peer tutoring with your friends</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Continue to get tutoring in subjects where you need to improve</li> <li>□ Tutor younger students and encourage peer tutoring with your friends</li> </ul>
Mentor Relations hips	<ul> <li>□ Join a mentoring program</li> <li>□ Participate in a mentor activity once a month. Try to include your parent or sponsor, too.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Continue mentoring activities</li> <li>□ Participate in a mentor activity once a month. Try to include your parent or sponsor, too.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Continue mentoring activities</li> <li>□ Be a mentor to your peers</li> <li>□ Participate in a mentor activity once a month. Try to include your parent or sponsor, too.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Continue mentoring activities</li> <li>□ Be a mentor to your peers</li> <li>□ Participate in a mentor activity once a month. Try to include your parent or sponsor, too.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Continue mentoring activities</li> <li>□ Be a mentor to your peers</li> <li>□ Participate in a mentor activity once a month. Try to include your parent or sponsor, too.</li> </ul>
College Planning Activities	<ul> <li>□ Learn about educational options after high school</li> <li>□ Request or review college catalogs and handouts</li> <li>□ Ask for information about financial aid</li> <li>□ Visit a college campus</li> <li>□ Participate in community service activities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Explore college options on the internet</li> <li>□ Attend college information nights school</li> <li>□ Attend a college fair</li> <li>□ Explore college majors</li> <li>□ Attend an information session on financial aid</li> <li>□ Get organized - create a college file to keep track of information</li> <li>□ Continue service learning activities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Attend college fairs</li> <li>□ Participate in one-day college campus visits</li> <li>□ Attend college information night at local high school with parents</li> <li>□ Decide what you want in a college. Two-year, four-year, vocational, location, size, cost, etc.</li> <li>□ Continue service learning activities</li> <li>□ Practice taking the PSAT/ NMSQT test</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Participate in overnight college campus visits</li> <li>□ Register online for <u>free</u> scholarship search services</li> <li>□ Request financial aid information from colleges</li> <li>□ Practice taking the ACT and/or SAT test</li> <li>□ Take the PSAT/NMSQT test</li> <li>□ Plan, lead, and participate in service learning activities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Visit your top five colleges in the fall</li> <li>□ Confirm financial aid deadlines</li> <li>□ Take ACT and/or SAT test</li> <li>□ Plan, lead, and participate in service learning activities</li> </ul>
College Application Preparation	<ul> <li>□ Learn about high school requirements and college admission requirements</li> <li>□ Learn about different types of colleges and what they offer (vocational, two-year, four-year, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Become familiar with college entrance requirements</li> <li>□ Continue to use internet resources to research colleges</li> <li>□ Go to a workshop on researching colleges and careers on the web</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Choose 5-10 colleges that interest you, based on your own criteria</li> <li>□ Find out about the entrance requirements for those colleges of interest</li> <li>□ Continue to use internet resources in your research (College Edge,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Request admission and financial aid forms from your top five colleges, confirm deadlines</li> <li>□ Attend workshops to learn how to fill out admissions and financial aid forms</li> <li>□ Continue to use the Internet to</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Apply to top five colleges</li> <li>□ Complete applications by mid-November</li> <li>□ Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1</li> <li>□ Look for scholarships in HS career center</li> </ul>

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	☐ Use the Internet to get more about college (College Edge, Think College Early web sites, etc.)		college web pages, etc)  ☐ Go to a workshop on researching colleges and careers on the web	learn about your top choice colleges  □ Look for scholarships in HS career center  □ Apply for scholarships/grants	<ul><li>□ Apply for scholarships/grants</li><li>□ Notify colleges of your decision</li><li>□ GO TO COLLEGE!</li></ul>
Parent or Sponsor Involvem ent	<ul> <li>□ Participate in GEAR UP activities for at least 40 hrs every year</li> <li>□ Help with GEAR UP office work or field trips</li> <li>□ Go to college planning workshops</li> <li>□ Meet with your child's school or GEAR UP counselor</li> <li>□ Learn about different types of colleges</li> <li>□ Visit college campuses</li> <li>□ Lead or organize a parent activity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Participate in GEAR UP activities for at least 40 hrs every year</li> <li>□ Help with GEAR UP office work or field trips</li> <li>□ Attend parent/sponsor workshops on college and career planning</li> <li>□ Learn course requirements for high school graduation and college entrance</li> <li>□ Visit college campuses</li> <li>□ Lead or organize a parent activity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Participate in GEAR UP activities for at least 40 hrs every year</li> <li>□ Help with GEAR UP office work or field trips</li> <li>□ Attend parent/sponsor workshops on college costs and financial aid</li> <li>□ Visit college campuses</li> <li>□ Lead or organize a parent activity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Participate in GEAR UP activities for at least 40 hrs every year</li> <li>□ Help with GEAR UP office work or field trips</li> <li>□ Attend parent/sponsor workshops on educational planning</li> <li>□ Plan for senior year applications (especially financial aid forms)</li> <li>□ Visit colleges that interest your student</li> <li>□ Lead or organize a parent activity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Participate in GEAR UP activities for at least 40 hrs every year</li> <li>□ Help with GEAR UP office work or field trips</li> <li>□ Attend parent/sponsor workshops on educational planning and financial aid</li> <li>□ Help student complete admission, financial aid, and scholarship applications</li> <li>□ Visit colleges (if you haven't already done this)</li> <li>□ Lead or organize a parent activity</li> </ul>

<sup>\*</sup> College visits are offered as GEAR UP field trips.